

Executive Summary of Washington Coastal Recreational User Study

The Surfrider Foundation and Point 97 collaborated with Washington State Agencies, recreational stakeholders, and the OCNMS staff on a Non-Consumptive Recreational Ocean & Coastal Use Study for Washington's Pacific coast. The study is intended to provide high-quality spatial and economic information to inform the state's marine spatial planning process and other relevant decision-making. This project used an online survey instrument to collect data on coastal use patterns, trip expenditures, and demographic characteristics of coastal users. This presentation will share preliminary results focusing on areas of high recreational use, popular recreational uses, and economic contributions related to trip expenditures. Additional information to be shared will include updates on the Washington MSP progress and how data layers will be displayed in the WA data viewer, as well as updates on our work with OCNMS staff on non-market values.

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